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Ottawa County Times.

VOL. VI.

HOLLAND, MICHIGAN, DECEMBER 31, 1897.

NO. 50

W. R. STEVENSON

Graduate Optician.

EYES TESTED FREE!

Office at C. A. Stevenson's Jewelry Store, No. 21 East Eighth Street.



WHEN YOU TURN OVER THAT NEW LEAF

And make those good resolutions on New Year's Day, let one of them be a resolve to hereafter buy your drugs at the **Central Drug Store**. And come what may of all the other resolutions this one you will never regret.

Your experience will be such that at the end of the year you will exclaim: I should have done it years before.

Central Drug Store

One Door East of Postoffice.

WHEATENA

A HEALTH FOOD.

To those who object to white flour on account of the elimination of some of the component parts of wheat, we beg to offer our

WHEATENA,

a Health Food Flour, which makes bread of a light brown color and of a sweet, nutty flavor. It contains a larger percentage of gluten than any Whole-Wheat Flour, Graham Flour, or any other Health Flour, is made from the best wheat obtainable and manufactured by a new process (the machinery for which we control exclusively). It is the most healthful and nourishing flour ever offered for sale. Put up in 1-16 bbl. sacks. Retail price 34c per sack. Ask your grocer for it.

WALSH-DE ROO Milling Co.



A New Overcoat.

Wouldn't it add largely to your dressed up appearance? Will your old one carry you through without disgracing you?

From a money standpoint you had better buy NOW. We are offering a discount of 20 per cent from our regular prices in January.

Former prices...\$15 to \$31
Present prices...\$12 to \$24

Elegant Irish Frieze Ulsters
\$20 Values, now.....\$15

Meeboer

THE TAILOR.

In part of Lokker & Rutgers' Store.

Something New Under the Sun.

A new pair of shoes on that boy of yours especially if they are J. B. Lewis & Co.'s "Wear-Resisters" will protect him against pneumonia and kindred ailments. "Wear-Resisters" are sold by G. J. VAN DUREN, Holland.

LOCALISMS.

Happy New Year to all.
Ice banks are forming along the shores of Lake Michigan.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry West-veer, on Saturday—a son.

The Christmas exercises in the different churches were very fine and drew large crowds.

Sleighriding parties from surrounding towns visit our city frequently these nice winter evenings.

Joe Hadden had his fingers quite seriously cut while at work at the West Michigan furniture factory Tuesday.

A marriage license was granted a few days ago to Wheeler Schwander and Mary Bennett, both of Jamestown.

Saugatuck people believe that the electric road from Holland to Saugatuck will start a big boom for their summer resort.

A number of friends were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tanis on Christmas evening. Music was one of the pleasant features.

The trial of Hiram Shears and Frank Giddis, two Polkton boys, for attempted train wrecking will come up in Muskegon circuit court in January.

Because of the mania for gambling which they originate and foster in young boys, slot machines are being driven from many Michigan towns.

A Christmas tree and a program by the children was enjoyed by more than a score of guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Diekema on Christmas day.

Plenty of wood has been coming into town this week, it being nothing uncommon to see from ten to twenty loads going along in the space of a half dozen blocks.

At the annual meeting of the First Reformed church on Monday evening J. A. Ter Vree and J. H. Wiltedink were elected elders, and B. Stekete and L. Schoon, deacons.

Ex-mayor E. J. Harrington reports that his brother, Wilson Harrington, who has been at the asylum at Kalamazoo for some time, is not improving. In a letter he states that he desires to come home.

As at this season of the year the children will venture on the ice before it is safe, parents should do all they can to restrain them. Every winter accidents happen through venturing on ice that is not sufficiently strong.

A census of the peach orchards of Ottawa county has been taken, and the following is the number of acres in each township devoted to the peach industry: Allendale, 90; Blendon, 3; Chesler, 523; Crockery, 10; Georgetown, 143; Grand Haven, 69; Grand Haven city, 230(2); Holland, 45; Jamestown, 459; Olive 10; Polkton, 29; Robinson, 5; Tallmadge 1001; Wright, 625.

Lizzie, the oldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Van der Meulen of Graafschap, died Saturday morning after an illness of about two weeks. The funeral services took place on Monday and were conducted by Rev. J. Van Houste of this city. The remains were taken to Muskegon for interment Tuesday.

John F. Barron was called to Holland Wednesday and offered the management of the Holland basket factory by Hanchett Bros., who had just paid Charles L. King \$40,000 for his one-third interest. Mr. Barron did not accept and that evening accompanied Mr. King to Chicago, on his way to Kansas City—Fennville Herald.

Burlington, Ia., has an ordinance requiring all wagons carrying an aggregate of 3,000 and under 6,000 pounds to be fitted out with tires of a width of not less than five inches. Dubuque, Ia. has an ordinance that is sweeping and requires all heavy wagons to have three inch tires. Other cities would do well to follow and good roads and streets would be more general.

According to the Grand Rapids papers Frank Haven, who has for several years conducted a lumber business here, has brought suit in the United States court at Grand Rapids for \$30,000 against William Rath and Warren A. Cartier, of the firm of Rath & Cartier, of Ludington. The plaintiff alleges that he had established a commercial reputation and financial standing and that his lumber yard and dock were worth \$15,000 and his net profits had grown to be \$5,000 a year. The plaintiff further states that a fraudulent chattel mortgage for \$2,208.15 covering the entire stock of his lumber yard was drafted by defendants and placed on record and that a seizure was made under this mortgage and the property taken possession of. The plaintiff claims that his business was ruined and his loss and damage aggregates \$30,000. McKnight & McAllister are attorneys for the plaintiff. Mr. Haven is at present in Milwaukee and his friends here will watch with interest the outcome of the suit.

The snow plow did good service on the sidewalks this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. Ver Schure, on Monday—a daughter.

There will be a public auction on Monday, Jan. 31, at the farm of A. Ar-ends, in Laketon, Allegan county.

Rev. C. M. Steffens, a former Holland boy, has resigned as pastor of the Second Reformed church at Rochester, N. Y.

Peter Boot was called to Grand Rapids on Monday by a telegram stating that his mother, 83 years old, was dying.

Rev. J. T. Bergen will preach at the Pine Creek school house next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock in the English language.

Hope College has entered with Albion, Hillsdale, Olivet, Kalamazoo, Ypsilanti and the Agricultural College, in an inter-collegiate oratorical contest to occur in May next.

O. Palmeri, the Italian fruit dealer, lately doing business on River street, turned up missing Monday morning. Creditors mourn his absence several hundred dollars worth.

Call at Will Botsford & Co. and see the mammoth candle burn. It will be lighted next Monday evening, January 3. They have a new ad this week which you should read.

Dr. Casper K. Lahuis of Zeeland, one of the faculty of the University of Michigan, was married in Jackson a few days ago. His many friends here will wish him joy.

The Bay View Reading Circle will meet with Miss Herold, Graves Place, on Tuesday, Jan. 4th. Lesson for the first week in January. Quotations from or about Napoleon. Members are requested to bring pictures illustrating his battles, and portraits of "the heroes" of his time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Swift celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their wedding on Christmas day. A number of guests enjoyed their hospitality at their pleasant home on East Eighth street. An elaborate dinner was served, the viands including those of a score of years ago and also those of an up to date dinner. The host and hostess were presented with many beautiful presents. Among those present were: Mrs. Frank Hinkley, of Alanson; Milton Hinkley, of Benton Harbor; Mr. and Mrs. A. Young, of Hartford and Mr. and Mrs. W. Butler and son, of Shelby.

State game warden Osborne says that if the fish nets used in the outland waters of Michigan were placed in a continuous line they would measure 3,000 miles. He further says: "Few people realize that this rich resource of the state produces more than \$1,000,000 annually at wholesale prices, and it is not appreciated. Nowhere else exists such a supply of wholesome, cheap food. Michigan white fish and lake trout have a wide reputation. If protection is kept up intelligently the fish will continue forever to form a supply as today, and it is a duty we owe to posterity not to destroy ruthlessly the natural resources and possessions of the state."

The State Farmers' Institute will be held in the M. E. church on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 20 and 21. The program is a very interesting one and our farmers and citizens should make it an object to attend. The speakers to be furnished by the State Board of Agriculture are C. W. Hudson, of Kalamazoo county; A. E. Palmer, of Kalamazoo county; Pres. J. L. Snyder, of the Agricultural college; J. L. Stearns, of Kalamazoo county; and Mrs. Mary A. Mayo, of Calhoun county. The local speakers are: G. J. Diekema, B. Riksen, E. Van der Wall, Geo. H. Souter, Prof. J. H. Kleinhekel, John Jackson, Supt. C. M. McLean, Mrs. C. H. Howell and Mrs. D. B. Yntema. Geo. H. Souter is president; W. E. Bond, secretary, and J. N. Stearns, conductor.

It is settled that the Michigan roads will issue interchangeable mileage books with the objectionable features eliminated, no matter what the Central Passenger association may do. The man that buys a 1,000 mile book in Michigan after Jan. 1, will be entitled to ride to any point on any other road within Michigan, and he will not have to stand up to the agent's window and wait until he can get his book handled for a trip ticket, and baggage will be checked to its destination. The following roads have agreed to accept the book:—Michigan Central, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, Flint & Pere Marquette, Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western, Chicago & West Michigan, Grand Rapids & Indiana, Ann Arbor, Manistee & Northwestern, Detroit & Mackinac and Pittsburgh & Lake Erie. Thus the action embodies even more than the Michigan men hoped for, in that it is good on all Vanderbilt roads west of Buffalo, and on one additional Ohio road, besides being good to the terminals of all roads in the combination.

Ottawa county has 428 acres of primary school land.

Most of the merchants report a good trade during the holiday season.

The postoffice will be closed on New Year's day after 12 o'clock at noon.

Jacob G. Van Dyke of this city has been granted a pension of \$10 a month.

Theological student De Young will preach at Grand Haven in the First Reformed church next Sunday.

John Meeuwsen, the New Holland meat dealer, brought over 1700 pounds of turkey in town for Christmas. John is a hustler.

In last week's issue in mentioning the names of the directors of the Holland City State Bank the name of J. Van Patten was given. This should have been Adrian Van Patten.

Mrs. Egberdina Kollen, of Overisel, mother of President G. J. Kollen of Hope College, fell a few days ago and fractured her hip bone. The old lady is 95 years old which makes the case serious.

Of the thirty-five vessels lost on the great lakes this year only one was a Grand Haven boat, the schooner Ellen Stevenson. There were three former Grand Haven boats lost however, the schooners Wallin, Lookout and Alert.—Grand Haven Tribune.

Edwin and Coy Van der Veen, two young farmers who live on farms in Georgetown, will probably go to prison for a term of years, for resisting and badly injuring two officers who attempted to stop them from raising a disturbance at a dance in Grandville.

Residents of this county who desire a package of seeds which are sent out by the Agricultural Department, should send a postal card with name and address distinctly written directed to Hon. Wm. A. den Smith, Washington, D. C. Requests should be sent immediately as after January first preparations are begun for sending the seed out.

The teachers of the Ninth street Christian Reformed church have re-elected A. C. Rinck, as secretary; Miss Gertrude Marsilje, treasurer, and Miss Mary Rinck, assistant treasurer; Arend Bosman, H. D. Werkman and Henry Van Ry have charge of the library. The consistory appointed Rev. Van Goor as superintendent, and Isaac Marsilje as assistant.

It cost the township of Dorr \$2,000 to build that its highway bridges must be kept in a condition to support any vehicles that are allowed on the highway. A traction engine went through one of their bridges last summer, causing personal injuries to the proprietor. There is a lesson in the result of the trial for every township in the county.—Saugatuck Commercial.

C. W. Hudson, who will talk farm poultry at our Farmers' Institute in Holland January 20-21, is a young farmer in Kalamazoo county, who has given close attention to farm poultry. This is a subject often neglected at Farmers' Institutes, and we hope that the farmers and their wives will make it a point to be present at 10:45 A. M. sharp the first day of the Institute, to hear Mr. Hudson discuss this topic.

The average temperature for the month of January for the past twenty-four years is twenty-four degrees. The warmest month was that of 1880 with an average of 37 degrees and the coldest was that of 1888 with an average of 17. The highest temperature ever recorded in the month was 61 degrees on January 12, 1890, and the coldest was 12 below zero on Jan. 20, 1873. Average precipitation for the month is 2.81 inches.

PERSONAL.

Geo. H. Souter, Jr., is spending the holidays with relatives at Shelby.

Dr. M. J. Cook, the dentist, spent Christmas with friends at Allegan.

Dr. J. M. Benjamin is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Benjamin.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Van Zanten visited relatives at Graafschap on Christmas.

Miss Helena Glerum, of Grand Haven, is spending the holidays with Miss Jeanette Vauppel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Zeerip and children are spending the holidays with relatives at Grand Rapids.

Frank Devries, student at the Northwestern Dental University, Chicago, is home for the holidays.

Peter Bolhuis and family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bolhuis visited friends at Coopersville on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nies entertained their children, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wade of Saugatuck, on Christmas.

P. Van Zanten of Grand Haven, is the guest of his children, Mr. and Mrs. Arie P. Van Zanten, on West Eighth street.

Frederick Van Anrooy of Grand Rapids, is spending the holidays with relatives and friends here and in this vicinity.

CLEAN-UP

SALE!

STARTLING LOW PRICES ON STAPLE GOODS!

Previous to our Annual Inventory, we shall have a general Clean-up Sale during

NEXT WEEK!

NOTE A FEW OF THE PRICES!

A few Ladies' \$1.00 Wrappers to close at.....49c

Ladies' Fleece-Lined Wrappers, worth \$1.25, to close.....79c

Eight-cent Striped Outing Flannel, to close.....6c

Peerless Carpet Warp, (White 13½c), colored.....16c
(The same on Spools 1-2 cent more).

Heavy White Outing Flannel.....4c

Feather Boas, regular price 35c, to close.....19c

Ladies' 35c Camelhair Vests, to close.....25c

\$1.00 Long Feather Boas, to close.....59c

A few pairs Fine Blankets to Close at a Big Discount.

Yard-wide New Percales, worth 12½c, to close.....6½c

Odd sizes in Children's all-wool Hose to close.....11c

All Winter Underwear at Reduced Prices.
Remnants in Dress Goods at Big Reduction.

A few 50c Fancy Pillows to close.....29c

In order to secure any of these Bargains be on hand early, as they cannot last long at such ridiculous low prices.

John Vandersluis.

N. B.—A few Holiday Novelties at one-fourth off.

HAND PAINTED CHINA

Makes a nice Present.
We have a full line of well assorted goods in all of Holland's latest styles. Will be pleased to show it to you.

Our New Silverware is the latest out and as cheap as you can find it anywhere.

Our Line of Watches is the most complete.

Our Rings—well, call and see them and you will surely buy.

We have the most complete line of Gifts for young people to be found in any Jewelry Store in Holland.

Breyman & Hardie

JEWELERS AND OPTICIANS,

Cor. Eighth St. and Central Ave., HOLLAND.

P. S.—Call and get a ticket on that \$20.00 Tea Set Free.

Money Saved

BY BUYING YOUR

FOOTWEAR!

—OF—

S. SPRIETSMA.

Try Our Ice Creepers.

28 West Eighth Street

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Ulcers, Sores, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetters, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by H. Walsh, Holland, and Van Bree & Son, Zeeland, druggists.

OFFICE SUPPLIES.

A complete line of office supplies such as letter files, stationery, pens, pencils, inks, etc. Also drugs, perfumes, patent medicines, rubber goods, etc.

Martin & Huizinga.

One Minute Cough Cure cures quickly. That's what you want. L. Kramer.

Perfumes.

All the latest odors and perfumes, at Martin & Huizinga.

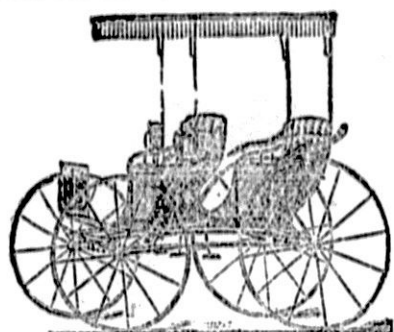
New York, Dec. 28.—Stephen V. White, whom Wall street knows familiarly as "Beacon" White, has applied for reinstatement on the Stock Exchange. Under the rules of that institution, when a member fails he is suspended, and he cannot be reinstated until he has discharged all his obligations. "Beacon" White failed May 3, 1890, for more than \$200,000. His debts have not yet been paid.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 29.—The Pensacola pilot boat Somers N. Smith was seized yesterday by the treasury department through Special Treasury Agent Browder. She was not allowed to leave the marine ways till the crew from the cutter Seward in charge of a lieutenant was placed on board.

Wheat—(unselected, No. 2) red cash elevator, 97 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢; track, 98c; December, 98c; January, 95c bid; May, 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; No. 2 hard cash, 88c. Corn—Better: No. 2 cash 26c; December, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ bid; January, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; May, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Oats—Better: No. 2 cash, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases.

L. Kramer.



H. TAKKEN

Manufacturer of and dealer in CUTTERS, BUGGIES AND ROAD WAGONS

At prices as low as anywhere. Also manufacture Lumber Wagons, Trucks, Drays, Dairy Wagons and all work of that description. Good Work and Material Guaranteed. East Eighth. Street, near City Mills.

IF YOU Intend to **Build**

Let us figure with you.

We can save you good money on a job.

We can also save purchasers money on

CASKETS.

We manufacture caskets and therefore can sell much lower than any.

UNDERTAKING in all its branches carefully attended to.

TIM SLAGH

Eighth St., just west of River St.

NEW TAILOR SHOP.

REPAIRING, -- CLEANING, AND PRESSING

Done so nicely that old clothes look like new.

SUITS MADE TO ORDER :

SUITS at.....\$10 to \$25
PANTS at.....\$2 50
OVERCOATS at..... 9 00

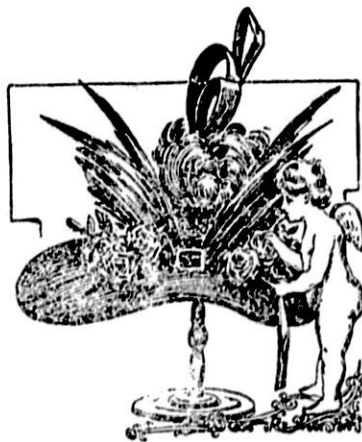
J. KNOLL,

River St., opposite Brouwer's. Holland.

BOOKBINDING.

J. A. KOORYERS

Grodwet Printing House, North River St., Holland.



SPECIAL

HOLIDAY

Bargains

—IN—

All Trimmed Goods.

Our reputation is for Best Goods at Lowest Prices.

Mrs. M. Bertsch.

Cor. Eighth St. and College Avenue, HOLLAND.

The Best Coal Stove.

Improvements are being made along all lines. So it is with coal stoves. I claim that I have to-day the best coal stove in the market. It gives more heat with less coal than any other stove. In looks it is a beauty, the castings, nickel work and ornamentation being far superior to other makes. If you want to buy a coal stove step in and see our Favorite Base Burner. We will prove to you its superiority over all others.

J. B. VAN OORT,
Hardware dealer, 8th street.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers,
The famous little pills.

A complete felt window shade at only 8c, at M. Notier.

Fine livery rigs at reasonable prices at L. A. Stratton's.

Oxford Bibles.

We have a full line of Oxford Bibles, fine goods at low prices.

Martin & Huizinga.

Lumber.

Lumber, Lime and Sidewalk lumber for sale cheap at

SCOTT-LUGERS LUMBER CO.,
Proprietors Phoenix Planing Mill.

Don't Borrow Trouble.

If you are bilious or your liver is out of order, and blame Providence for your bad luck. Take a dose of Carter's Castor Pills; they will tone up your liver, clear your brain and help you to see things clearly. Price 25c. At Heber Walsh' drug store.

If you want a good overcoat, go to Lokker & Rutgers.

Lumber.

Lumber, Lime and Sidewalk lumber for sale cheap at

SCOTT-LUGERS LUMBER CO.,
Proprietors Phoenix Planing Mill.

Prosperity comes quickest to the man whose liver is in good condition. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are famous little pills for constipation, biliousness, indigestion and all stomach and liver troubles.

L. Kramer.

Gunther's Candles.

We have just received a fine assortment of Gunther's delicious bon bons.

MARTIN & HUIZINGA.

If you want a good suit of underwear go to Lokker & Rutgers.

CASTORIA.

The fastidious signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* is on every wrapper.

Lumber.

Lumber, Lime and Sidewalk lumber for sale cheap at

SCOTT-LUGERS LUMBER CO.,
Proprietors Phoenix Planing Mill.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve
Cures Piles, Scalds, Burns.

See the great cut sale prices in dress goods, capes and jackets, at M. Notier.

BANKRUPT STOCK!

Having bought out the greater share of remaining stock of a leading Casket factory of the state, we now carry in stock the finest assortment of

CASKETS

AND TRIMMINGS

ever shown in Ottawa county, with prices way down.

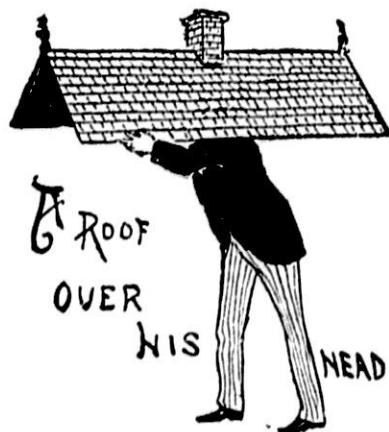
First-class Livery at reduced prices for the winter months.

Everything first-class. Call and get our prices.

J. H. Nibbelink & Son

18 West Ninth St.

P. S.—Chairs and Tables rented.



Fire Alarms

Are more frequent in October than any month in the year. Why? Dry weather and winds. The big Holland fire of 1871, the Grand Haven fire 1889, the West Michigan factory fire 1896, and the great Chicago and Boston fires all came in October.

MORAL: Keep your property insured. The **POST INSURANCE AGENCY** has the following first-class companies:

Caledonian, Palatine, Queen of America, Fire Association, Springfield F. & M., Greenwich, Thurling, Hamburg-Bremen, Westchester, National, Michigan F. & M., Metropolitan Plate Glass Ins. Co.

J. C. POST, Agent,

HOLLAND, MICH.

MICHIGAN MELANGE.

NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO OUR READERS.

Important Happenings in the State During the Past Few Days Reported by Telegraph—Matter Selected for the Benefit of Our Own People.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 27.—Merchants are organizing a new system of boycott, by means of which those residents who send out of town for most of their luxuries and many of their necessities may be punished. Every member of the proposed organization will pledge himself to buy all he needs at home. The league will demand the withdrawal of all passes to railway employees and the discharge of any employee of any corporation and the boycotting of any one running for an office who does not patronize home industries.

FIRE AT DETROIT.

The Free Press Printing Company Sustains a Heavy Loss.

Detroit, Dec. 29.—The Arcade building, owned by the Heinman estate, on West Larned street, burned early in the morning, completely destroying the paper stock of William C. Jupp, the stock and plant of Charles L. Roehm & Son, wholesale stationers, and the stock of perfume materials of the Elism Manufacturing company.

The five-story structure to the west of the Arcade building, occupied by the Detroit Free Press Printing company, was for a time threatened with destruction. The building was flooded with water, and the stock and plants of The Free Press Printing company, Cliff & Higgins, bookbinders, and the Habbin Engraving company were nearly ruined. The total loss on the buildings and their contents will reach \$125,000, of which The Free Press Printing company sustains the heaviest share, about \$66,000, with \$45,000 insurance. The other losses are fairly covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown.

"Took with" a Spasm of Virtue.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 28.—The Calumet police have decided that gambling in saloons must stop. They have thrown out all the nickel-in-the-slot machines, and now one saloonkeeper has been "pulled" by the officers for allowing the people to play cards for money in his saloon. He was brought before a local justice and pleaded guilty to the charge, paying a small fine rather than undergo the publicity of a jury trial. The police have warned all saloonkeepers that playing cards for money will be looked upon as gambling.

Sold His Wife for Ten Dollars.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 27.—Charles Bishop, of Mason, whose domestic happiness has been destroyed by the visits of Bert Carpenter, signed an agreement to relinquish all claim to his household and its effects for \$10. He received the cash and came to this city, where his father resides, leaving Carpenter in possession. Mrs. Bishop recently advertised in a matrimonial paper, and it is claimed received money from men in Montana and Florida, and then refused to go to them.

Governor Makes a Christmas Gift.

Detroit, Dec. 27.—As a Christmas present Governor Pingree pardoned Henry Howard, who under the name of Harry Dale was convicted last May of criminally assaulting Maggie Leonard in this city and sentenced to Jackson for life. This action was recommended by the pardon board. Howard has all along stoutly maintained his innocence, and the governor says he is himself convinced of it.

Will Go to Alaska.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 28.—It is announced that Hon. A. P. Swineford, ex-governor of Alaska, will go to Alaska early next year to take charge of the interests in that section of the United States Mines company of New York. He is a stockholder in the company, having turned in his interests in properties secured when territorial governor of Alaska. The company has a capital of \$1,500,000.

New Mileage Ticket Bureau.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Since the Central Traffic association would not agree to the changes proposed in the interchangeable mileage ticket by the Vanderbilt and other Michigan roads a new northern mileage ticket bureau will be established, with headquarters in Detroit. Representatives of the roads will meet here next Tuesday to effect the new organization.

Michigan Mine Closes Down.

Negaunee, Mich., Dec. 28.—The Queen mine has closed down for an indefinite time, throwing 250 men out of employment. In case the company can induce owners to reduce the royalty operations will probably be resumed, otherwise nothing will be done until the shipping season opens in the spring. The royalty at present is 25 cents per ton.

Not a Bad Thing for O'Shaughnessy.

Jackson, Mich., Dec. 24.—Martin O'Shaughnessy, a Detroit convict, was released from prison Wednesday, the supreme court holding that he was illegally held under the act of 1893, governing the good time of prisoners. O'Shaughnessy will sue the state for false imprisonment. He has saved \$100 while in prison.

Michigan University Editor.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 24.—At a meeting of the board of university regents Professor F. N. Scott, of the department of English, was appointed to the new office of university editor. The appointment was made in pursuance of a plan to get before the people of the state news of the university.

Traffic at Sault Ste. Marie.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 24.—The year 1897 shows an increase over all

previous years of nearly 2,000,000 tons in freight traffic through the United States and Canadian Sault canals, 18, 218,400 tons being carried through this year. The number of vessel passages this year shows a decrease of 1,447 from last year, but there was an increase in registered tonnage of 376,500.

Attacks the Mileage Ticket.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 29.—State Railroad Commissioner Wessellus says the new interchangeable mileage ticket is a violation of the state law. The law provides that 1,000-mile books shall be sold at \$20, good for any member of the family. The new books are sold at \$30, with \$10 rebate, and the rebate is lost if any other than the original owner uses it. This will be discussed in the commissioner's report, and the recommendation will be made that unless the railroads observe the law their charters be annulled.

State Notes.

Frederick Muntz was crushed to death in the machinery of the pulp mill at Niles, Mich.

William Sauer, son of W. G. Sauer, a Detroit publisher, is under arrest at Kansas City charged with complicity in a bank robbery at Vermillion, Kan.

Hundreds of tax titles in Michigan have been rendered worthless by a decision of the state supreme court that when lands are bid off to the state for the taxes of one year and are still held by the state, such lands cannot again be sold for the delinquent taxes of succeeding years.

Michigan farmers have won a victory in a decision of the supreme court which declares the law authorizing township boards to impose special licenses on peddlers to be unconstitutional.

At Mount Morris, Mich., a son of Daniel Callaban was choked to death by a peanut.

The average condition of wheat in Michigan Dec. 1 was 88 per cent. of condition in average years.

It is claimed that between \$75,000 and \$100,000 worth of buildings are under course of construction in Petoskey, Mich., at the present time.

R. M. Wood, the St. Ignace, Mich., lumberman, who is operating near Trout lake, recently felled a pine tree which cut seven 16-foot logs which scaled 6,000 feet.

Secretary Aizer, who has been ill at Washington for some time, is decidedly improved.

HAS A CORNER IN OATS.

Letter Prepared to Squeeze Speculators in an Unexpected Manner.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Friday, which will witness the close of the great Letter deal in wheat on the board of trade, bids fair to prove a memorable day in the trade. No great excitement is expected in the wheat pit, but in oats a squeeze of shorts may occur.

It is believed that Mr. Letter has been turning a trick on the trade in oats while everybody was watching wheat. For weeks the oats pit has been practically deserted. Last week there was a disagreeable surprise to the men who had sold 6,000,000 bushels of oats for December delivery when they learned that no oats were being delivered. Then they awoke to the fact that in all the Chicago elevators the oats measured but 950,000 bushels of the contract grades. It was Wednesday when they made the discovery. The price of December oats was then 20½ cents. A cent at advance in oats is as good as 4 or 5 cents in wheat. It is too late to rush in a supply to meet the calls which will be made for the grain at the close of business on Friday. Those who have not delivered the grain according to contract will be called upon to settle at the closing price. The situation has all the elements of a squeeze.

Case of James Mingle.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29.—Argument is being made in the circuit court of Sangamon county for a new trial in the case of James Mingle, who was found guilty on the charge of murdering the infant of Mary Briscoe some time ago. The mother was brutally assaulted about the head with a hatchet at the same time. Mary Briscoe does not wish Mingle to hang, and her testimony will have a strong effect for a new trial. The officials believe that despite the strong case against Mingle a new trial will be granted.

Five Persons Injured.

Fond du Lac, Wis., Dec. 29.—The Chicago and Northwestern passenger train from Chicago, via Janesville, dashed into a loaded coal train in the Fond du Lac yards, injuring five persons. They are: A. K. South, Chicago, expressman; F. J. Rundt, Waukegan, Ill., baggage-man; Ray J. Smith, Clinton Junction, postal clerk; William Magnusson, Fond du Lac, traveling salesman; Mrs. D. Y. Zimmerman, Fond du Lac, passenger. An open switch on a sharp curve was the cause of the accident.

Died Penniless and Heartbroken.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A. O. Ticknor, famous in the years immediately following the war as a bold board of trade operator, and thirty years ago defendant in the most celebrated divorce case of the time, died, penniless and brokenhearted, Christmas morning in a west side boarding house.

Killed a Catamount.

Belleville, Ill., Dec. 29.—A huge catamount was shot and killed here by the Meyer brothers of this city. The cat was lying in wait for the men and it took four loads of buckshot to kill it. It was crouching, ready for a spring, when discovered in the weeds at the roadside. It weighed fifty pounds.

Convicts Hang Themselves.

New York, Dec. 29.—Two prisoners, Frank Barlain, an Italian, and Harry McCallum, colored, hanged themselves at about the same time in the penitentiary at Caldwell, N. J. McCallum, who pretended to attempt suicide as a joke is dead. Barlain will recover.

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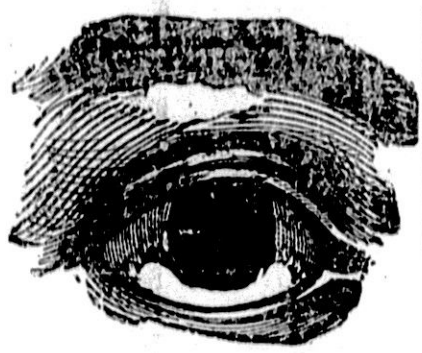
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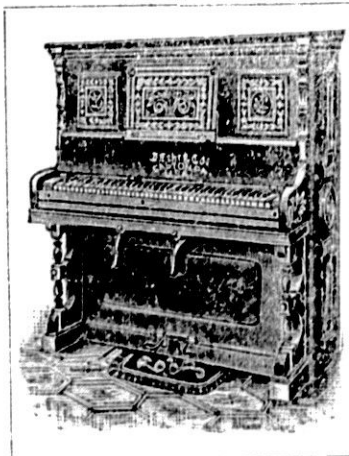
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THE MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Wheat made a fair showing yesterday, and the final quotations showed a gain of 1/4c from the close the day before.

Wheat—Dec 88c, closed 97c.
Cash winter wheat—No 2 red sold 90c. Winter wheat—by sample No 3 red sold for 91c No 4 red sold 85c, No 2 red 89c, No 3 hard 88c. Cash spring wheat—No 2 spring 87 1/2c. Spring wheat by sample No 3 84c.

Corn—December 25 1/2c, closed at 25 1/2c. Nov 25 1/2c closed 25c.

Cash corn—No 2 25 1/2c, No 2 yellow 25 1/2c No 2 white sold 26 1/2c, No 3 yellow 25 1/2c No 4 24 1/2c, No 2 sold at 25 1/2c, No 4 sold 23 1/2c. Corn by sample No 4 24 1/2c, No 2 yellow 25c.

Oats—Dec. 22c, closed 22 1/2c, May sold 22c, closed 22 1/2c.

Cash oats—No 3 22 1/2c, No 3 white sold 23c, No 2 22c, No 3 white 23 1/2c. Oats by sample—No 3 22 1/2c, No 3 white 23 1/2c.

Rye—No 2 45c, No 3 44c, Dec. 40c.

Barley—Feed barley 25c, low grade to fancy making 28c to 40c.

Hog products—May 89 1/2c, closed 88 1/2c. May lard sold \$1 72, closed \$1 70 1/2, May ribs \$1 55, closed \$1 50 1/2.

Seeds—Timothy steady, unchanged. Sales of good to choice \$2 20 to \$2 30, contract seed \$2 45. Clover \$5 75 for contract seed.

Hay—Receipts 1055 tons, shipments 35 tons. Choice timothy quotable at \$9 00 to \$9 50, No 1 \$8 50 to \$9 00, No 2 \$7 00 to \$7 50, No 3 \$6 00 to \$6 50, choice prairie \$7 00 to \$8 00, No 1 \$6 50 to \$7 00, No 2 \$5 50 to \$6 00, No 3 \$5 00 to \$5 50.

Grain and Provisions.

New York, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Receipts 262,725 bus, exports 173,772 bu, No 2 red may closed 94 1/2c Dec 90 1/2c, closed 98c. Corn—Receipts 49,000 bu, exports 140,365 bu, spot eastern, No 2 33 1/2c, Dec. closed 31c, May 31 1/2c to 31c, closed 31c. Oats—Receipts 210,300 bu, exports 139,001 bu, No 2 25c, May 27c.

Milwaukee, W. S., Dec. 30.—Wheat—No 2 spring 88c, No 1 northern 90c Dec 89 1/2c. Corn—No 3 26c. Oats—No 2 white 23 1/2c to 24c. Barley—No 2 sold 40c, sample 25c to 28c, Rye—No 1 sold 40c Provisions—Pork \$7 45, lard \$4 25.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 30.—Wheat—No 1 hard sold at 85c, No 3 at 82c, No 4 at 78c, No 2 red 91c, No 3 old 81c, No 4 85c. Corn—No 2 mixed 23c. Oats—No 2 white 22 1/2c. Rye—No 2 43c. Butter—Fancy separator 19c, dairy 13 1/2c. Eggs—17c.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 30.—Wheat—No 1 white and No 2 red 93c, Dec. 90c. Corn—No 2 mixed 23c. Oats—No 2 white 21c. Rye—No 2 37c.

Live Stock Markets.

Chicago, Dec. 30.

Receipts were estimated at 3,500 cattle 23,000 hogs and 8,000 sheep, making 12,729 cattle 56,905 hogs and 25,850 sheep for two days.

Quotations for cattle: Per cwt.

Prime beefs, 1,200 to 1,600 lbs. \$5.20-5.50

Choice beefs, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs. 4.75-5.10

Good-grade beef and export steers 4.30-4.70

Plain beef steers 4.00-4.25

Rough light steers 3.70-3.95

Fed Texas steers 4.00-4.25

Fed western steers 4.00-4.25

Choice to fancy cows and heifers 3.50-4.10

Fair to good beef cows 3.20-3.25

Common to choice bulls 3.20-4.00

Fair to choice feeders 3.70-4.35

Veal calves 3.00-6.40

Quotations for hogs:

Choice to prime heavy shipping 3.42-3.47

Plain to choice heavy packing 3.30-3.42

Rough lots and low grades mixed 3.15-3.30

Assorted light, 140 to 180 lbs. 3.45-4.10

Quotations for sheep:

Choice to prime native wethers 3.90-4.25

Fair to choice mixed natives 3.40-3.85

Fair to choice westerns 3.65-3.85

Good to choice yearlings 4.00-4.35

Good to prime lambs 4.85-5.75

New York, Dec. 30.—Beef—Receipts 1817 head

cables quote refrigerator beef at 82 1/2c, American steers 10 1/2c, sheep 10 1/2c, exports 410 head cattle, 2,240 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts 1010 head, veal 5,000 50. Sheep and lambs—Receipts 10,218 head, sheep \$2 50 to 1 75, lambs \$5 25 to 4 40. Hogs—Receipts 8,484 head \$3 90 to 4 15.

Chicago Horse Market.

Plugs and scrubs \$15-25 small mares and chunks for the south \$25-35, fair to good general-purpose horses, streeters and light drivers \$40-65, good to choice drivers \$75-110, high class roadsters and speedy actors \$125-225, good to choice Boston and export chunks \$70-115, good to choice drafters \$85-180, driving teams common to fair, \$100-225, choice to extra carriage and coach teams \$250-450.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Prices Paid to Farmers.

PRODUCE.

Butter, per lb. 16

Eggs, per doz. 18

Dried Apples, per lb. 15

Potatoes, per bu. 40

Beans, hand picked, per bu. 75

Apples, per bu. 50

Onions, per bu. 55

GRAIN.

Wheat, per bu. 85

Oats, per bu. white 22 to 24

Corn, per bu. 35 to 38

Barley, per 100 11 00 to 12 00

Buckwheat, per bu. 35

Rye, per bu. 38

Clover seed, per bu. 4.00

Timothy seed, per bu. 1.65

MEAT, ETC.

Chickens, dressed, per lb. 6 to 7

Turkey, live, per lb. 8 to 9

Turkey, dressed, per lb. 8 to 9

Tallow, per lb. 5 to 7

Lard, per lb. 5 to 7

Beef, dressed, per lb. 4 1/2 to 5 1/2

Pork, dressed, per lb. 6 1/2

Mutton, dressed, per lb. 5 to 7

Veal, per lb. 5 to 7

Lamb, per lb. 7 1/2

WOOD AND COAL.

Dry Beach, per cord 1.75

Dry Hard Maple, per cord 2.00

Green Beach per cord 1.50

Hard Coal, per ton 7.00

Soft Coal, per ton 4.00

WOOD.

Prices Paid to Farmers.

Dry Beach, from 1.50 to 1.60

Hard Maple, from 1.45 to 1.75

Green Beach, from 1.10 to 1.25

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Prices to consumers.

Hay, "Sunlight," patent, per barrel 8 1/2

Flour, "Sunlight," patent, per barrel 5 40

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Corn Meal, bolted 2 00 per barrel

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OTTAWA COUNTY.

DRENTHE.

An East Holland-Fillmore party made the home of R. Wiggers their destination last Friday evening. There they were joined by a Drenthe crowd, and social games were indulged in to the fullest extent. In the small hours of the night they took their departure. They speak highly of the evening's entertainment.

Johnny Riddering and family of Grand Rapids are visiting with friends and relatives here.

Joseph A. Wiggers, student at Hope College, is enjoying his vacation at home and in New Holland.

John Vermulen of the Detroit College of Medicine, has been visiting with M. Brant.

Alice Walcott, who has been working in Grand Rapids, is enjoying her vacation at home.

A select party of our young people took a sleighride in companies of two to Zutphen last Monday evening. They were royally entertained at the home of John Starken. The participants must have had a glorious time, since it was so reported by all.

C. Damstra and family of Holland are visiting with Mr. Baker at present.

Mrs. Rev. P. Wayenberg and student Nick Boer visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Tails last week.

Household Goods.

The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of to-day is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of Throat, Chest and Lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure, or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Trial bottle 10c. Regular size 50c and \$1.00 at the drugstores of H. Walsh, Holland, and Van Bree & Son, Zeeland.—2.

EAST HOLLAND.

Gerrit J. Rooks from Grand Rapids spent Christmas here with parents and friends.

P. Mulder and lady from Graafschap spent Sunday with Dr. Rooks.

It is rumored that R. Mulder from Holland will rent the farm of John Brinkman.

Leonard J. Rooks from Grand Rapids will spend a week here with parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lemmen from Alendale spent Tuesday here with Mr. and Mrs. J. Wersing.

Mr. Van Wyke from Grand Rapids is the guest of Rev. Wieland.

Miss Ida Nies of Saugatuck spent the week here with parents.

Zeeland Taxpayers.

The treasurer of Zeeland township will be at the following places to receive taxes:

Over Den Herder's Bank, Zeeland, on Dec. 13, 15, 17, 20, 24, 27, 29 and 31.

At store of Bakker & Son, Drenthe, on Dec. 30.

At store of Den Herder, at Vriesland, on Dec. 23.

At store of W. Karsten, Beavertown on Dec. 28, and during January 3, 5, 7 and 10 over Den Herder's Bank at Zeeland and other days at home of Peter Karsten, the treasurer.

PORT SHELTON.

Mrs. M. Mayo was suddenly taken sick.

Will Bourton and Harry Scott spent Sunday here.

Will Any of the Pentwater life saving station, and wife, are here to spend a few days with their folks and friends.

Scot and Cough.

The man who scoffs at the friendly advice to "take something for that cough," will keep on coughing until he changes his mind or changes his earthly residence. A great many scoffers have been converted by the use of the standard remedy—Carter's Cough Cure. But some are scoffing yet; they wheeze with asthma, bark with bronchitis or groan with the grippe. Singular, isn't it? the number of stubborn people, who persist in gambling with health and perhaps life as the stake, when they might be effectually cured of cough, cold or lung trouble, by a few doses of Carter's Cough Cure. Price 25c. At Heber Walsh's drug store.

NEW HOLLAND.

Miss Lizzie Wabeke is seriously ill with appendicitis.

Mrs. Edith W. De Kruif of Zeeland is visiting with her cousin, Miss Ethel Van den Berg for a few days.

A party of young people of Zeeland, numbering about 20, spent last Monday evening with Dr. and Mrs. Van den Berg. A very pleasant evening was spent and oysters were indulged in.

Mrs. H. De Kruif, Sr., of Zeeland, spent a few days with Mrs. Dr. Van den Berg.

John De Kruif of Grand Rapids called on relatives here last Monday.

Quite a good deal of sickness is reported.

Rev. A. Stegeman and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wagenaar, and Mrs. Dr. Van den Berg and family spent a pleasant evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Coburn last Tuesday. Five good sized "plymouth rocks" were on the bill of fare. They report a good time.

Our recent fine sleighing is broken up for the present, and buggies were called out Thursday morning.

Master Henry E. J. Nienhuis is on the sick list.

NOORDLOOS.

Mrs. H. Diepenhorst is visiting relatives in Grand Rapids.

Our Hope students J. G. and Ph. Meengs spent part of the holidays in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins of Grand Rapids are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. B. R. McCrossen.

A sleigh-load of young people were the guests of A. Rosbach and sisters Wednesday evening. They belonged to Zeeland's life and were a merry crowd. The time was spent in a happy social manner and when the hour for departure arrived they did so with reluctant feet. Tony says, come again.

The following pupils were not absent or tardy during the past month of school: Maggie, Jennie and Gerrit Brummel, Frances Bosch, Allie De Fouw, Anna and Martha Meyerling, Gertie, Ruth, Clara and Albert Raak, Anna, John, Gerrit and Ralph Van Dyk, Annie Verhey, John Bishop, Henry and Bonnie Bues, Fred Diepenhorst, Gabriel Rosbach, Eddie Schilleman, Koonie Van den Bosch, Henry and Richard Van der Hulst, Peter and Willie Weststrate, Casper Lahuis and Henry Ter Achter.

OTTAWA STATION.

Mr. Brown of Holland was here this week taking orders for nursery stock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Krowlton of Bass River were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fellows, Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Burch of Grand Rapids is visiting relatives here.

Ed Fellows and Henry Ewing bought 32 sheep of Thos. Watson last week for \$112. They took them to Jenison to slaughter.

Emery Burch of Laketown, was the guest of his uncle, Amos Burch.

Henry Ewing of Georgetown, the champion chess-player, was the guest of Eugene Fellows and family Saturday. When he arrived he said he had come to do the boys up on chess or anything else. Eugene Jr., took him up and the result was that Henry was seven games in the rear. Come again, Henry.

J. M. Fellows and Mrs. A. H. Van Gasbeck are among the sick.

The Christmas tree at Levi Fellows residence on Xmas eve was well attended. The guests numbered 65. The gifts were numerous and beautiful. A pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fellows of Jenison, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ewing of Georgetown, spent Christmas with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fellows.

Delos Purchase of Grand Rapids was here, and is contemplating the remodeling of his residence on the farm.

Olive Centre Grange No. 652 is meeting every week with a large attendance, and has at present 59 members enrolled. Financially and socially they have a good standing. They entertained the Ottawa County Farmers' Institute. A good attendance was present and the subjects were ably discussed. The Grange also visited the Alendale Grange and assisted them in initiating a class of new members. It ended with a fine oyster dinner.

ALLEGAN COUNTY.

OAKLAND.

Mr. Van der Leest, our merchant, is doing a good business here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman—a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Ver Beek—a girl.

Jno. Rigterink, medical student at the Michigan University, is spending his vacation at home.

A young man recently took home an Oakland young lady. It was raining but the young lady solved the difficulty by offering her father's overcoat when he returned home. The next morning the young lady's father huted a long time for the missing coat, but when the young lady arose the matter was satisfactorily explained. The young man promptly returned the coat on another evening.

Our treasurer, who was to be in the Oakland store last Wednesday to receive taxes, failed to appear, consequently some 50 taxpayers were disappointed.

Arthur Brouwer of the Detroit Medical College is home during vacation.

Married, Dec. 24, Gerrit Masselink and Lavina Mae Arthur at the home of the bride in Cass City, Mich. The bride is an estimable lady of 20 summers, and the bridegroom a respected young man of 25 winters. They arrived here last Saturday evening and returned last Tuesday morning, by way of Lansing, where they expect to attend the State Teachers' Association. They will make Cass City their future home, as Mr. Masselink is principal of the Cass City schools. Their many friends and relatives join in wishing them long life and continued bliss.

OVERISEL.

The Christmas entertainment at the Reformed church last Saturday afternoon was a very entertaining affair, and was well attended. The program was very fine.

Mrs. J. H. Hulsman, who has been reported last week as seriously ill, is slowly improving.

G. J. Nykerk and family of Holland spent a few days here last week with relatives and friends.

Suffered 20 Years.



MRS. MARY LEWIS, wife of a prominent farmer, and well known by all old residents near Belmont, N. Y., writes: "For twenty-seven years I had been a constant sufferer from nervous prostration, and paid large sums of money for doctors and advertised remedies without benefit. Three years ago my condition was alarming; the least noise would startle and unnerve me. I was unable to sleep, had a number of sinking spells and slowly grew worse. I began using Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and Nerve and Liver Pills. At first the medicine seemed to have no effect, but after taking a few bottles I began to notice a change; I rested better at night, my appetite began to improve and I rapidly grew better, until now I am as nearly restored to health as one of my age may expect. God bless Dr. Miles' Nervine."

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Picking Up a Coral, He Says He Feels Like Crying Out, "There Is a God, and I Adore Him!"—Comfort For Faithful Christian Workers.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—This picturesque discourse of Dr. Talmage leads his hearers and readers through unvisited regions of contemplation and is full of practical gospel; text, Job xxviii, 18, "No mention shall be made of coral."

Why do you say that, inspired dramatist? When you wanted to set forth the superior value of our religion, you tossed aside the onyx, which is used for making exquisite cameos, and the sapphire, sky blue, and topaz of rhombic prism, and the ruby of frozen blood, and here you say that the coral, which is a miracle of shape and a transport of color to those who have studied it, is not worthy of mention in comparison with our holy religion. "No mention shall be made of coral." At St. Johnsbury, Vt., in a museum built by the chief citizen, as I examined a specimen on the shelf, I first realized what a holy of holies God can build and has built in the temple of one piece of coral. I do not wonder that Ernst Haeckel, the great scientist, while in Ceylon, was so entranced with the specimens which some Cingalese divers had brought up for his inspection that he himself plunged into the sea and went clear under the waves at the risk of his life, again and again and again, that he might know more of the coral, the beauty of which he indicates cannot even be guessed by those who have only seen it above water, and after the polyps, which are its sculptors and architects, have died and the chief glories of these submarine flowers have expired. Job in my text did not mean to depreciate this divine sculpture in the coral reefs along the seacoasts.

No one can afford to depreciate these white palaces of the deep, built under God's direction. He never changes his plans for the building of the islands and shores, and for uncounted thousands of years the coral gardens and the coral castles and the coral battlements go on and up. I charge you that you will please God and please yourself if you will go into the minute examination of the corals—their foundations, their pinnacles, their aisles, their pillars, their curves, their cleavages, their reticulation, their grouping—families of them, towns of them, cities of them and continents of them. Indeed you cannot appreciate the meaning of my text unless you know something of the coral—labyrinthine, stellar, columnar, floral, dentelated like shields from battle, spotted like leopards, unembroidered like lace, hung like upholstery—twilight and auras and sunbursts of beauty! From deep crimson to milk white are its colors. You may find this world of God through the antineuticles 80 fathoms down, or amid the breakers, where the sea dashes the wildest and beats the mightiest and bellows the loudest. These sea creatures are ever busy. Now they build islands in the center of the Pacific ocean. Now they lift barriers around the continent. Indian ocean, Red sea and coast of Zanzibar have specimens of their infinitesimal but sublime masonry. At the recession of the tides you may in some places see the top of their Alpine elevations, while elsewhere nothing but the deep sea soundings from the decks of the Challenger, the Porcupine and the Lightning of the British expedition can announce them. The ancient Gauls employed the coral to adorn their helmets and the hilts of swords. In many lands it has been used as amulets. The Algerian reefs in one year (1873) had at work amid the coral 311 vessels, with 3,150 sailors, yielding in profit \$565,000. But the secular and worldly value of the coral is nothing as compared with the moral and religious, as when, in my text, Job employs it in comparison. I do not know how any one can examine a coral the size of the thumb nail without bethinking himself of God and worshipping him, and feeling the opposite of the great infidel surgeon lecturing to the medical students in the dissecting room upon a human eye which he held in his hand, showing its wonders of architecture and adaptation, when the idea of God flashed upon him so powerfully he cried out to the students, "Gentlemen, there is a God, but I hate him!" Picking up a coral, I feel like crying out, "There is a God, and I adore him!"

God and the Beautiful.
Nothing so impresses me with the fact that our God loves the beautiful. The most beautiful coral of the world never comes to human observation. Sunrises and sunsets he hangs up for nations to look at; he may adorn the grass and round the dew into pearl and set on fire autumnal foliage to please mortal sight, but those thousands of miles of coral achievement I think he has had built for his own delight. In those galleries he alone can walk. The music of those keys, played on by the fingers of the wave, he only can hear. The snow of that white and the bloom of that crimson he alone can see. Having garrisoned this world to please the human race and lifted a glorious heaven to please the angelic intelligences, I am glad that he has planted these gardens of the deep to please himself. But here and there God allows specimens of submarine glory to be brought up and set before us for sublime contemplation. While I speak these great nations of zoophytes, medusae, and madrepores, with tentacles for trowel, are building just such coral as we find in our text. The diamond may be more rare, the crystal may be more sparkling, the chrysopease may be more ablaze, but the coral is the long, deep, everlasting bluish of the sea. Yet Job, who understood all kinds of precious stones, declares that the beauty and blue of the coral are nothing compared with our holy religion, and he picks up this coralline formation and looks at it and flings it aside with all the other beautiful things he has ever heard of and cries out in ecstasy of admiration for the superior qualities of our religion. "No mention shall be made of coral."

Take my hand and we will walk through this tower of the sea while I show you that even exquisite coral is not worthy of being compared with the richer jewels of a Christian soul. The first thing that strikes me in looking at the coral is its long continued accumulation. It is not turned up like Cotopaxi, but is an outcropping and an outcropping of ages. In Polynesia there are reefs hundreds of feet deep and 1,000 miles long. Who built these reefs, these islands? The zoophytes, the corallines. They were not such workers who built the pyramids as were these masons, these creatures of the sea. What small creatures amounting to what vast aggregation! Who can estimate the age between the time when the madrepore laid the foundations of the islands and the time when the madrepores put on the cap-

stone of a completed work? It puzzles all the scientists to guess through how many years the corallines were building the Sandwich and Society Islands and the Marshall and Gilbert groups. But more slowly and wonderfully accumulative is grace in the heart. You sometimes get discouraged because the upbuilding by the soul does not go on more rapidly. Why, you have all eternity to build in. The little annoyances of life are zoophyte builders, and there will be small layer on top of small layer and fossilized grief on top of fossilized grief. Grace does not go up rapidly in your soul, but, blessed be God, it goes up. Ten thousand million ages will not finish you. You will never be finished. On forever! Up forever! Out of the sea of earthly disquietude will gradually rise the reefs, the islands, the continents, the hemispheres of grandeur and glory. Men talk as though in this life we only had time to build. But what we build in this life as compared with what we shall build in the next life is as a striped shell to Australia. You go into an architect's study and there you see the sketch of a temple the cornerstone of which has not yet been laid. Oh, that I could have an architectural sketch of what you will be after eternity has wrought upon you! What pillars of strength! What altars of perpetual worship! What pinnacles thrusting their glittering spikes into the sun that never sets! You do not scold the corallines because they cannot build an island in a day. Why should you scold yourself because you cannot complete a temple of holiness for the heart in this short lifetime? You tell me we do not amount to much now, but try us after a thousand million ages of lullaluleh. Let us hear the angels chant for a million centuries. Give us an eternity with God and then see if we do not amount to something. More slowly and marvelously accumulative is the grace in the soul than anything I can think of. "No mention shall be made of coral."

The Virtue of Patience.

Lord, help us to learn that which most of us are deficient in—patience! If thou canst take, through the sea anemones, millions of years to build one bank of coral, ought we not to be willing to do work through ten years or 50 years without complaint, without restlessness, without chafing of spirit? Patience with the erring; patience that we cannot have the millennium in a few weeks; patience with assault of antagonists; patience at what seems a slow fulfillment of Bible promises; patience with physical ailments; patience under delays of Providence; grand, glorious, all enduring, all conquering patience! Patience like that which my lately ascending friend, Dr. Abel Stevens, describes when writing of one of Wesley's preachers, John Nelson, who, when a man had him put in prison by false charges and being for a long time tormented by his enemy, said, "The Lord lifted up a standard when the anger was coming on like a flood, else I should have wrung his neck to the ground and set my foot upon it." Patience like that of Pericles, the Athenian statesman, who, when a man pursued him to his own door, hurling at him epithets and arriving there when it had become dark, sent his servant with a torch to light his enemy back to his home. Patience like that eulogized by the Spanish proverb when it says, "I have lost the rings, but here are the fingers still." Patience! The sweetest sugar for the sourest cup; the balance wheel for all mental and moral machinery; the foot that treads into placidity stormiest lake; the bridle for otherwise rash tongues; the sublime silence that conquers the boisterous and blatant. Patience like that of the most illustrious example of all the ages—Jesus Christ; patient under betrayal; patient under the treatment of Pilate's oyster and terminator; patient under the expectation of his assailants; patient under flagellation; patient under the charging spears of the Roman cavalry; patient unto death. Under all exasperations employ it. Whatever comes, stand it. Hold on, wait, bear up.

Christian Hope.

Take my hand again, and we will go a little farther into this garden of the sea, and we shall find that in proportion as the climate is hot the coral is wealthy. Draw two isothermal lines at 60 degrees north and south of the equator, and you find the favorite home of the coral. Go to the hottest part of the Pacific seas and you find the finest specimens of coral. Coral is a child of the fire. But more wonderfully do the heats and fires of trouble bring out the jewels of the Christian soul. Those are not the stalwart men who are asleep on the shaded lawn, but those who are pounding amid the furnaces. I do not know of any other way of getting a thorough Christian character. I will show you a picture. Here are a father and a mother 30 or 35 years of age, their family around them. It is Sabbath morning. They have prayers. They hear the children's catechism. They have prayers every day of the week. They are in humble circumstances. But, after awhile the wheel of fortune turns up and the man gets his \$20,000. Now he has prayers on Sabbath and every day of the week, but he has dropped the catechism. The wheel of fortune turns up again, and he gets his \$80,000. Now he has prayers on Sabbath morning alone. The wheel of fortune keeps turning up, and he has \$300,000, and now he has prayers on Sabbath morning when he feels like it and there is no company. The wheel of fortune keeps on turning up, and he has his \$300,000 and no prayers at all. Four leaf clover in a pasture field is not so rare as family prayers in the houses of people who have more than \$300,000. But now the wheel of fortune turns down, and the man loses \$200,000 out of the \$300,000. Now on Sabbath morning he is on a stepladder looking for a Bible under the old newspapers on the bookcase. He is going to have prayers. His affairs are more and more complicated, and after awhile crash goes his last dollar. Now he has prayers every morning and he hears his grandchildren's catechism. Prosperity took him away from God; adversity drove him back to God. Hot climate to make the coral; hot and scalding trouble to make the jewels of grace in the soul. We all hate trouble and yet it does a great deal for us. You have heard perhaps of that painter who wished to get an expression of great distress for his canvas and who had his servant lash a man fast and put him to great torture, and then the artist caught the look on the victim's face and immediately transferred it to the canvas. Then he said to the servant, "More torture," and under more torture there was a more thorough expression of pain, and the artist said: "Stop there. Wait till I catch that expression. There! Now I have it upon the canvas. Let loose the victim. I have a work that will last forever." "Oh," you say, "he was an inhuman painter!" No doubt about it. Trouble is cruel and inhuman, but he's a great painter and out of our tears and blood on his palette makes colors that never die. Oh, that it might be a picture of Christian fortitude, of shining gold!

On the day I was licensed to preach the

gospel an old Christian man took my hand and said, "My son, when you get in a tight corner on Saturday night, without any sermon, send for me, and I will preach for you." Well, it was a great encouragement to be backed up by such a good old minister, and it was not long before I got into a tight corner on Saturday night, without any sermon, and I sent for the old minister, and he came and preached, and it was the last sermon he ever preached. All the tears I cried at his funeral could not express my affection for that man, who was willing to help me out of a tight corner. Ah, my friends, that is what we all want—somebody to help us out of a tight corner. You are in one now. How do I know it? I am used to judging of human countenances, and I see beyond the smile and beyond the courageous look with which you hide your feelings from others. I know you are in a tight corner. What to do? Do as I did when I sent for old Dr. Scott. Do better than I did—send for the Lord God of Daniel, and of Joshua, and of every other man who got into a tight corner. "Oh," says some one, "why cannot God develop me through prosperity instead of through adversity?" I will answer your question by asking another. Why does not God dye our northern and temperate seas with coral? You say, "The water is not hot enough." There! In answering my question you have answered your own. Hot climate for richest specimens of coral; hot trouble for the jewels of the soul. The coral fishers going out from Torre del Grecco never brought ashore such fine specimens as are brought out of the scalding surges of misfortune. I look down into the tropical sea, and there is something that looks like blood, and I say, "Has there been a great battle down there?" Seeming blood scattered all and down the reefs. It is the blood of the coral, and it makes me think of those who come out of great tribulation and have their robes washed white in the blood of the Lamb. But these gems of earth are nothing to the gems of heaven. "No mention shall be made of coral."

Again, I take your hand, and we walk on through this garden of the sea and look more particularly than we did at the beauty of the coral. The poets have all been fascinated with it. One of them wrote:

There, with a broad and easy motion,
The fan coral sweeps through the clear deep sea.

And the yellow and scarlet tufts of the ocean
Are bent like corn on the upland lea.

Coral Specimens.

One specimen of coral is called the dendrophilia because it is like a tree; another is called the astraea because it is like a star; another is called the brain coral because it is like the convolutions of the human brain; another is called fan coral because it is like the instrument with which you cool yourself on a hot day; another specimen is called the organ pipe coral because it resembles the king of musical instruments. All the flowers and all the shrubs in the gardens of the land have their correspondences in this garden of the sea. Corallum! It is a synonym for beauty. And yet there is no beauty in the coral compared with our religion. It gives physiognomic beauty. It does not change the features. It does not give features with which the person was not originally endowed, but it sets behind the features of the homeliest person a heaven that shines clear through. So that often on first acquaintance you said of a man, "He is the homeliest person I ever saw," when, after you came to understand him and his nobility of soul shining through his countenance, you said, "He is the loveliest person I ever saw." No one ever had a homely Christian mother. Whatever the world may have thought of her, there were two who thought well—your father, who had admired her for 50 years, and you, over whom she bent with so many tender ministrations. When you think of the angels of God and your mother among them, she outshines them all. Oh, that our young people could understand that there is nothing that so much beautifies the human countenance as the religion of Jesus Christ. It makes everything beautiful. Trouble beautiful. Sickness beautiful. Disappointment beautiful. Everything beautiful.

Near my early home there was a place called the Two Bridges. These bridges leaped the two streams. Well, my friends, the religion of Jesus Christ is two bridges. It bridges all the past. It arches and over-spans all the future. It makes the drying pillow the landing place of angels fresh from glory. It turns the sepulcher into a May time orchard. It catches up the dying into full orchestra. Corallum! And yet that does not express the beauty. "No mention shall be made of coral."

I take your hand again and walk a little farther on in this garden of the sea and I notice the durability of the work of the coral. Montgomery speaks of it. He says, "Fruit were their forms, ephemeral their lives, their masonry imperishable." Rhizopods are insects so small they are invisible, and yet they built the Appennines and they planted for their own monument the cordilleras. It takes 187,000,000 of them to make one grain. Corals are changing the navigation of the sea, saying to the commerce of the world, "Take this channel." "Take that channel." "Avoid the other channel." Animalcules beating back the Atlantic and Pacific seas. If the insects of the ocean have built a reef 1,000 miles long, who knows but that they may yet build a reef 3,000 miles long, and thus that by one stone bridge Europe shall be united with this continent on one side and by another stone bridge Asia will be united with this continent on the other side, and the tourist of the world, without the turn of a steamer's wheel or the spread of a ship's sail, may go all around the world, and thus be fulfilled the prophecy, "There shall be no more sea."

Work That Endures.

But the durability of the coral's work is not at all to be compared with the durability of our work for God. The coral is going to crumble in the fires of the last day, but our work for God will endure forever. No more discouraged man ever lived than Beethoven, the great musical composer. Unmercifully criticised by brother artists and his music sometimes rejected. Deaf for 25 years, and forced on his way to Vienna to beg food and lodging at a very plain house by the roadside. In the evening the family opened a musical instrument and played and sang with great enthusiasm, and one of the numbers they rendered was so emotional that tears ran down their cheeks while they sang and played. Beethoven, sitting in the room, too deaf to hear the singing, was curious to know what was the music that so over-powered them, and when they got through he reached up and took the fiddle in his hand and found it was his own music—Beethoven's "Symphony in A"—and he cried out, "I wrote that!" The household sat and stood abashed to find that their poor looking guest was the great composer. But he never left that house alive. A fever seized him that night, and no relief could be afforded, and in a few days he died. But just before expiring he took the hand

of his nephew, who had been sent for and had arrived, saying, "After all, Hummel, I must have had some talent." Poor Beethoven! His work still lives, and in the twentieth century will be better appreciated than it was in the nineteenth, and as long as there is on earth an orchestra to play or an oratorio to sing, Beethoven's symphonies will be the enchantment of nations.

But you are not a composer, and you say that there is nothing remarkable about you—only a mother trying to rear your family for usefulness and heaven. Yet the song with which you sing your child to sleep will never cease its mission. You will grow old and die. That son will pass out into the world. The song with which you sang him to sleep last night will go with him while he lives, a conscious or unconscious restraint and inspiration here and may help open to him the gate of a glorious and triumphant hereafter. The lullabies of this century will sing through all the centuries. The humblest good accomplished in time will last through eternity. I sometimes get discouraged, as I suppose you do, at the vastness of the work and at how little we are doing. And yet, do you suppose the rhizopod said, "There is no need of my working; I cannot build the cordilleras?" Do you suppose the madrepore said, "There is no need of my working; I cannot build the Sandwich Islands?" Each one attended to his own business, and there are the Sandwich Islands and there are the cordilleras. Ah, my friends, the redemption of this world is a great enterprise. I did not see it start; I will not in this world see its close. I am only an insect as compared with the great work to be done, but yet I must do my part. Help build this eternal corallum I will. My parents toiled on this reef long before I was born. I pray God that my children may toil on this reef long after I am dead. Insects all of us, but honored by God to help leave up the reef of light across which shall break the ocean's immortal gladness! Better be insignificant and useful than great and idle. The mastodons and megatheriums of the earth, what did they do but stalk their great carcasses across the land and leave their skeletons through the strata, while the coral lines went on heaving up the islands all covered with fruitage and verdure? Better be a coralline than a mastodon. So now I am trying to make one little coralline. The polyp picks out of the wave that smites it carbonate of lime, and with that builds up its own insectile masonry. So out of the wave of your tears I take the salt; out of the bruise I take the blue, and out of your bleeding heart I take the red, and out of them altogether I make this coral, which I pray may not be disowned in the day when God makes up his jewels.

Power of Little Things.

Little things decide great things. All that tremendous career of the last Napoleon hanging on the hand of a brakeman who, on one of our American railways, caught him as he was falling between the cars of a flying train. The battle of Dvabar was decided against the South because their matches had given out. Aggregations of little things that pull down or build up. When an army or a regiment come to a bridge, they are always commanded to break ranks, for their simultaneous tread will destroy the strongest bridge. A bridge at Angiers, France, and a bridge at Broughton, England, went down because the regiment kept step while crossing. Aggregations of temptation, aggregations of sorrow, aggregations of assaults, aggregations of Christian effort, aggregations of self sacrifices—these make the irresistible power to demolish or to uplift, to destroy or to save. Little causes and great results. Christianity was introduced into Japan by the falling overboard of a pocket Bible from a ship in the harbor of Tokyo.

Written on the fly leaf of one of my books by one whom God took to himself out of our household were the following words. I do not know who composed them. Perhaps she composed them herself:

Not a sparrow falleth but its God doth know,
Just as when his mandate lays a monarch low;

Not a leaflet wavereth but its God doth see,
Think not, then, O trembler, God forgetteth thee!

For more precious surely than the birds that fly
Is a Father's image to a Father's eye.
E'en thine hairs are numbered. Trust him full and free.
Cast thy care upon him, and he'll care for thee.

For the God that planted in thy breast a soul
On his sacred tables doth thy name enroll.
Cheer thine heart, thou trembler, never faithless be.
He that marks the sparrow will remember thee.

Oh, be encouraged! Do not any man say, "My work is so small." Do not any woman say, "My work is so insignificant. I cannot do anything for the upbuilding of God's kingdom." You can. Remember the corallines. A Christian mother sat sewing a garment, and her little girl wanted to help her, and so she sewed on another piece of the same garment and brought it to her mother, and the work was corrected. It was imperfect and had to be all taken out again. But did the mother chide the child. Oh, no. She said, "She wanted to help me, and she did as well as she could." And so the mother blessed the child, and while she blessed the child she thought of herself and said: "Perhaps it may be so with my poor work at the last. God will look at it. It may be very imperfect, and I know it is very crooked. He may have to take it all out. But he knows that I want to serve him, and he knows it is the best that I can do." So be comforted in your Christian work. Five thousand million corallines made one corallum. And then they passed away and other millions came, and the work is wonderful. But on the day when the world's redemption shall be consummated, and the names of all the millions of Christians who in all the ages have toiled on this structure shall be read, the work will appear so grand and the achievement so glorious and the durability so everlasting that "no mention shall be made of coral."

That Faith Prophecy.

The German meteorological prophet, Dr. Rudolph Falb, predicted some time ago the end of the world as the result of the collision of our globe with Temple's comet on Nov. 13, 1899. It is a comet which travels in the wake of the meteoric swarm of shooting stars, or the Leonide shower, which will be most intense in 1899, and the late Professor Oppolzer of Vienna calculated its return for May, 1899, instead of November. Dr. Falb's sinister prediction has caused Dr. Frederick Bidschof, first assistant at the Vienna observatory, to make a recalculation of the comet's course, with the reassuring result that on the day in 1899 when it will be nearest to our earth the distance will still be 18,000,000 kilometers, omitting the odd figures. He gravely assures us that this distance is sufficient for removing any alarm and gives us further to understand that Herr Falb made an error in his logarithm. —Vienna Correspondence.

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ADDITIONAL LOCAL.
 H. K. Koster is recovering from a protracted illness.
 The Chicago & West Michigan R. R. Co. have just added 100 flat cars to its equipment.
 Miss Eba Clark entertained her Sunday school class Tuesday afternoon at her home on Ninth street.
 Con De Vlieger, Jr., a well known Grand Haven travelling man, was robbed of \$2,852 at the Midland Hotel at Kansas City, Mo., one day last week.
 John Zwemer reports that there are good prospects of having the Heinz Pickling Co. extend their works here next season so as to take in the canning of fruits also.
 On next Wednesday afternoon the city librarian will be in her office from three to seven o'clock. This is done because on Saturday afternoon the library will be closed.
 The Ladies Guild of Grace Episcopal church will hold their regular monthly meeting next Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 5, at 2.30, at the residence of Mrs. G. Eckles, 18 West 6th street.
 Wm. M. Post, the plumber, is now the proud possessor of a certificate of membership of the Master Plumbers' Association of the state of Michigan. It shows that his work is considered first-class.
 There will be a social hop at S. of V. hall Friday evening, Dec. 31. Those having invitations to the Rebekah dances, or the regular Thursday dancing school, are invited to attend. Admission 35 cents.
 C. Blom, Jr., who has been in the candy manufacturing business for some time, reports trade good and says that there is no question anymore but that he will put up a block next season for a candy factory.
 A. E. Palmer, who will be present at our Farmers' Institute at Holland January 20-21, comes highly recommended. His addresses contain not only results of experience, but encouragement and enthusiasm. We hope that he will be greeted with a large attendance of our best farmers.
 A. J. Ward says that he will complete the power house for the electric road this winter. The engine, dynamo and other machinery will be put in soon. The track through the township to the resorts will be laid this winter, and the road will be ready for operation it is expected by May.
 An attempt is being made to organize a company to rent the West Michigan Seating Co.'s plant for the purpose of manufacturing school furniture and other goods. This should be encouraged in every way possible. If the company is organized it will mean the starting up of the shop in two or three weeks.
 Marshall Field & Co., of Chicago have announced that they will comply with the request of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and will no longer trim their hats with feathers from birds that have been slaughtered for that purpose. Birds that die a natural death ought to find a ready sale.
 Probably not many of our people think about it, but it is a fact that lots of Ottawa county people have in their pockets money that is made right here in Grand Haven. It is as good money as any you have. The paper money in circulation in this community is largely made up of bank notes issued by the National Bank of Grand Haven. These notes all bear the signature of Cashier George Stickney. When we say it is Grand Haven money we do not mean that it is a great deal different from other money in circulation, for it is government money just the same, issued and signed by the bank, by authority of Uncle Sam, and is as good as any money in circulation.—Grand Haven Tribune.
 The supreme court has knocked out the hawkers' and peddlers' law passed by the last legislature, that the state grange made such a fight against. The decision comes on an appeal from the Kent county circuit. The court says that while several questions are raised as to the constitutionality of the act they deem it necessary to discuss but one which provides, substantially, that the act shall not prevent any person from selling any meat or fish in townships, nurserymen from selling stock by sample or otherwise, or wholesalers residing within the state, having a regular place of business, from selling to dealers by sample, without license. It was contended that the act discriminates against the citizens of other states. This the court holds to be true. The whole act must therefore fail.

Peter De Boe has bought the retail candy business of C. Blom, Jr., on River street.
 John Meeuwse, the New Holland meat dealer, sold an extra fine heifer of 900 pounds to Molenaar & De Goede yesterday. If you want an extra choice cut of meat, get a piece of this critter.
 List of advertised letters for the week ending December 31, at the Holland, Mich., postoffice: Mrs. Beek, L. J. Clark, Charles Hoodley, Miss Etta Shaver, E. R. Terry.
 C. DEKEYZER, P. M.
 James Fairbanks attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kent, Allegan and Ottawa Mutual Insurance Co., at Grand Rapids, Thursday. On Thursday, Jan. 6, the annual meeting of the company will be held in Grand Rapids.
 The Wagner Male Quartette Concert Co. will give one of their popular entertainments at the M. E. church on Wednesday evening, Jan. 19. It will be under the auspices of the Epworth League of the M. E. church. The general admission is 25 cents and it ought to draw a good attendance.
 Mrs. Geertje Van Goo, wife of Rev. K. Van Goo, pastor of the Ninth street Christian Reformed church, died Tuesday at the age of 45 years. She had been an invalid for a long time. The funeral will take place this afternoon, services at 1 o'clock at the parsonage on East Tenth street, and at 2 o'clock at the church.
 Do you know what a general clean-up sale means? It means a closing out of all odds and ends and broken lines. Such sales as these means a big loss to the merchant, but a big gain for the customer. Such a sale will take place next week at John Vandersluijs'. John says all broken lines must be closed out at once before his annual inventory. First comers get first choice, so we advise our readers to take advantage of this great reduction sale.
 At the regular review of Crescent Hive L. O. T. M. held Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Lady Commander, Mrs. Frances Anderson; Lieut. Commander, Miss Mary F. Souter; Record Keeper, Mrs. Sarah J. McClain; Finance Keeper, Mrs. Lucy A. Wise; Chaplain, Mrs. Ella L. Holly; Mistress at Arms, Mrs. Emma Riley; Sergeant, Mrs. Mary A. Langerwisch; Sentinel, Mrs. Mae Barnard; Picket, Mrs. Hattie L. Barnard; Organist, Miss Eva A. Anderson.
 Mrs. Wilhelmina Boot died at Grand Rapids, Wednesday, at the age of 82 years. She was an old resident here but for the past few years had been staying with her daughter Mrs. N. Silvius at Grand Rapids. She leaves four children, Mrs. J. Kramer, of this city, Mrs. N. Silvius, of Grand Rapids, Peter and Arie Boot of this city, and Dr. Tenuis Boot of Grand Rapids. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 1 o'clock from the residence of John Kramer on West 11th street. The four grandsons, Lawrence, Otto, John and Peter Kramer will act as pall bearers.
 The Northern Pacific Railway Land Department's World's Fair Product Car will be in this city on Tuesday, Jan. 11. The display in this car is highly interesting and instructive and is open to the public for inspection free of charge. It contains a fine collection of the birds, animals, flowers, cereal, fruit, mineral and vegetable products of the states traversed by the line of the Northern Pacific Railway Co., comprising Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. There are also samples of wood, wool, building stone, coal and in fact specimens of all industrial products to be obtained along the line. The many scenic views and collections of mounted birds and animals add greatly to the interest and variety of the display so that all can find subjects of interest and much to admire. Remember the date, Tuesday, Jan. 11.
FINE STATIONERY.
 A full assortment of fine stationery, gold pens, etc. Martin & Huizinga.
Cutters.
 A fine line of Portland Cutters just received at the repository of James Kole, the North River street dealer. Don't miss the opportunity, but get one before they are all gone.
 If you want a good overcoat, go to Lokker & Rutgers.
 "My husband had two cancers taken from his face, and another was coming on his lip. He took two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters and it disappeared. He is completely well." Mrs. Wm. Kirby, Akron, Erie Co., N. Y.
 Fine stationery, 5c per box and up, at Martin & Huizinga.
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 A full line of pure drugs, fine perfumes, druggists' sundries, chamomile skins, patent medicines, rubber goods, etc. Martin & Huizinga.
 A complete felt window shade at only 8c, at M. Notier.
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 Is a painkiller. It will immediately relieve the pain and cure the worst scald or burn without leaving a scar. It does not banish pain by producing another irritation, nor benumbing the parts to which it is applied, but by removing the cause of the torture, and restoring the afflicted portions to a healthy condition. Price 25 cents. At Heber Walsh's drug store.

S. O. T. A.
 The fourth meeting of the South Ottawa Teacher's Association will be held at Hudsonville, Saturday, January 8, 1898, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.
PROGRAM.
 10:00 Music.
 10:05 Devotional Exercises.
 10:15 Roll Call—Mention some historical fact in Michigan history.
 10:20 Music.
 10:25 General Business.
 10:30 Needham's Zoology—pp. 34-111 inclusive—Insects. Conducted by Principal Chas. H. Cogshall, Zealand.
 11:15 Recitation, Principal John S. Brouwer, Drenthe.
 11:20 Interior Decoration of school-room, Principal John Van Allsburg, Jam-stown Center.
 11:40 Discussion, Led by Miss Ida Prescott, Hudsonville.
 1:30 Music.
 1:40 Intellectual Training and School Government, Swett's Methods, pp. 54-78, conducted by Vernon Wolcott, Hudsonville.
 2:20 What shall we do to get better results in arithmetic. Mr. Chas. Covey, Hudsonville.
 2:50 Discussion, led by Prin. N. R. Stanton, Forestgrove.
 3:10 Primary language, what to teach and how to present it. Miss G. M. Donald, Hudsonville.
 3:30 Discussion, led by Mr. Burt Alward, Hudsonville.
 3:40 School Law. Com. Ernst, Coopersville.
 3:50 Question Box. Conducted by Prin. Chas. S. De Witt, Hudsonville.
 JENNIE BOLT, Sec'y.
SCHOOL SUPPLIES.
 School supplies of all kinds, blank books, pens, inks, paper, text books, tablets, etc. Martin & Huizinga.
Roses For Winter Blooming.
 Teas and hybrid teas, such as are ordinarily forced commercially, require a temperature in the vicinity of 60 degrees at night. Catherine Mermet, the Bride, Bridesmaid and Papa Gontier prefer a little lower temperature than some of the others, and 55 to 60 degrees at night will suit them best. Even 50 degrees will not cause a check. Perle des Jardins, though often grown in with the above varieties, does best at from 60 to 63 degrees. La France thrives with little change from 62 degrees at night. Meteor requires a much higher temperature than any other rose grown for forcing, preferring 68 to 70 degrees at night. American Beauty does best where the temperature does not fall below 58 or rise above 63 degrees.
 When a crimson rose is required in a general rosehouse, where such varieties as Bride, Bridesmaid, Perle des Jardins, etc., are grown together, Souvenir de Wootton should be selected. While night temperature is taken as a basis for consideration, with sun heat the warmth increases rapidly during the day, this giving the opportunity for abundant air. Of course it is not expected that, even with free ventilation, the temperature will be kept down to the night standard during daytime. The ventilators are both opened and closed very gradually, nothing being more likely to produce mildew on roses than an abrupt change of temperature, says Rural New Yorker, authority for the foregoing.
Tree Protection.
 The bulletin issued from the Missouri station concerning the spraying of peach and plum trees with whitewash as a protection against winter killing has brought out the views of well known horticulturists. J. L. Budd, Iowa, writing to Rural New Yorker, says:
 I have practiced for many years the washing of the stems and main branches of fruit trees with limewater colored with flowers of sulphur. I have little doubt that it lessens the tendency to blight and sun scald of apple trees by lessening the absorption of the sun's rays, and in winter, if kept on, it prevents the gnawing of rabbits. We have not tried the spraying to retard the opening of the fruit buds, but can readily believe it worthy of trial not only on peach trees, but the Japan plums and other trees that bloom early. It is quite as easy to believe as that it will prevent sun scald of the stem.
Gladious Bulbs.
 There is not a bit of trouble in wintering these perfectly if attention is paid to one point—viz, dry treatment. Vick's Monthly directs that the bulbs be well dried after digging, then placed in paper bags or boxes and stored in a dry cellar away from frost. If dryness is not provided, they are liable to sprout and spoil. Do not pack the bulbs in sand or anything else.
The Most Profitable Greenhouse.
 It is stated by The American Agriculturist that W. W. Rawson finds a large house much cheaper to run than a small one and recommends those from 36 to 50 feet wide and from 300 to 400 feet long. Steam heat is much cheaper and easier controlled than hot water. All pipes are four feet above the ground. There are no benches, but all vegetables are grown in the ground below the pipes. The air is kept at 32 degrees F. at night and 40 degrees F. in daytime for lettuce. He finds electric light pays, as he gains one-seventh of the time by keeping the lights going until 1 o'clock at night. He thus grows a crop of lettuce in six weeks that otherwise would take seven weeks.
Oxford Bibles.
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 If you want fine Plants for your window decorations, leave your orders at the Greenhouses opposite Hope church.
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